REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place this application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. More specifically, in the Office Action claims 16, 17, and 19-28 are allowed, and claims 29, 31-37, 39, and 40 were rejected.

By the present response each of the noted rejected claims 29, 31-37, 39, and 40 are herein canceled without prejudice. Thereby, only allowed claims 16, 17, and 19-28 are currently pending in this application.

As only allowed claims are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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